

County Commissioners' Meeting.

Tuesday, March 3. AFTERNOON SESSION.

A petition received from the citizens of Choteau asking for a bridge across the Teton, at Choteau. The clerk was ordered to instruct A. B. Hamilton to send plans and specifications for a bridge and the probable cost of the structure.

A petition from the citizens of Great Falls asking for a road to be laid out, was ordered returned to the petitioners informing them that notice had not been posted according to law.

A number of bills was ordered paid. Adjourned until March 4th at 9:30 o'clock a. m.

Wednesday, March 4.

MORNING SESSION.

A communication was received from E. B. Largent, John Spencer and Robt. Vaughn, road viewers, concerning the Great Falls, Johnstown and Sun River road. The clerk was instructed to inform said viewers to lay out the road as instructed at the January meeting of the board, with further instructions not to incur any expense of surveying same, the reports to be made to the board at the June meeting.

Adjourned until 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The following bonds were received and approved: Chas. Bourassa, road supervisor district No. 1; David Davies, road supervisor district No. 2; Joseph Streit, road supervisor district No. 4; W. J. Minar, county treasurer.

Warrants from No. 161 to 243, inclusive, issue of December 10th, 1884, were canceled and warrants ordered issued in lieu of each, for the reason of error in the date and bearing the name of A. E. Rogers as clerk of board, instead of J. F. Murphy.

John Lamott was appointed road supervisor for district No. 5, and W. D. Jones for district No. 3, and the clerk was instructed to notify said appointees to qualify in the sum of \$500 each.

The board adjourned until 7 p. m., but no business was transacted at the evening session.

Thursday, March 5.

MORNING SESSION.

The morning for the most part was taken up in drawing names for the grand and trial jurors for the April term of court.

A number of bills were allowed. The bid of T. A. Cummings was accepted for insurance on the jail for the sum of \$12,500 for three years, at the rate of 2 per cent. for the three years, to be paid by warrants on the contingent fund after allowing the county 1 1/2 per cent on said warrants.

Adjourned until 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Several bills allowed. The clerk was instructed to order a six quire register for the jail.

Bill of A. E. Rogers disallowed. The clerk instructed to notify the sheriff that on and after this date the salary of the jailor shall not exceed \$75 per month.

Board adjourned sine die

Botkin Holds the Fort.

HELENA, March 4, 1885.

Special to the River Press. Marshal Botkin has received a dispatch from Senator Cameron of Wisconsin saying Kriedler would not be confirmed and that he (Botkin) would not be removed. All Helena is happy over the result.

Woolman and Weston Confirmed—Hedges Must Go.

HELENA, March 5, 1885.

Special to the River Press. The council in executive session considered the governor's appointments at 2 p. m. Result—Woolman and Weston confirmed; Hedges rejected.

The RIVER PRESS is the only evening paper that will have the result to-day, as the same is not known outside of the council and your correspondent. The democrats want Hedges' place, and will stick for that.

James H. Mills Nominated.

HELENA, Mont., March 5

Editors of the River Press: The governor sent to the council the nomination of Jas. H. Mills for school superintendent. No action taken. Mr. Mills does not want the office and will not accept.

The Streets of Fort Benton.

That the streets and alleys of Fort Benton are in a most filthy condition there is no denying, and unless something is done, and that at once, to remove the filth and accumulations of the past year, we are liable at any time to be visited by all sorts of dread diseases. There is no use in disguising the fact that our city government in this respect falls short of the expectations of the people. It is also a fact that there is no attempt to enforce the city ordinances. They are generally ignored by everyone

and are the laughing stock of the entire community. A walk through the alley between Front and Main streets will convince any member of the city council that our statement is true. All sorts of filth has accumulated and it "smells to heaven." The same is true of the alley between Franklin and Washington streets. Between St. John and Baker streets there is a pond of water nearly surrounding the residence of Rev. Jacob Mills. This itself is a fruitful cause of disease. By the expenditure of five dollars, or even less, the water which has accumulated could be diverted into the ditch on Baker or St. John street. We can thank providence that Fort Benton is naturally a healthy city, otherwise we would have had before this diseases among us which would have awakened our lethargic city council to the enforcement of stringent sanitary measures. As it is we cannot much longer fly in the face of providence by disregarding all sanitary laws in the management of our city affairs. As spring is opening we trust the council will awaken from its lethargy and give this matter immediate attention.

Our New Treasurer.

The bond of W. J. Minar as treasurer was accepted by the board of commissioners to-day and that gentleman was inducted into office in due form. Mr. Minar has the fullest confidence of everybody in the county and if he does not make one of the best officers in Montana it will be a surprise to his many friends. He entered upon his duties to-day and will be found at all times obliging, pains-taking and competent—in fact a model officer. Mr. Minar is the first republican treasurer Choteau county has ever had, succeeding Mr. John Hunsberger who has acceptably filled the position for twelve years.

Is This So?

Mr. A. A. Lawrence now of Britton, Dakota, writes John S. Stuff of Livingston, his former partner, that Col. Britton, from whom the former now derives its name, is spending the winter in Helena and has entered into a contract to build a railroad from Helena to Fort Benton.—Enterprise.

From Rocky Point.

A private letter received from R. A. Richie says: "Business is fair for this time of the year. We have taken in several hundred dollars in gold dust which the miners washed out during the recent warm spell."

"Jimmy Tyler has his big ferry boat out above the ice, so travelers coming this way will find a good boat to cross the river on when the ice goes out."

Indians on the Warpath in the British Northwest Territory.

CALGARY, N. W. T., February 26.—The complaint comes from the neighborhood of the Blackfeet reservation of the depredation by the Indians who are killing cattle belonging to the military, colonists and others. Captain Antrobus and an interpreter tried to reach the locality, but owing to heavy snows were unable to. An expedition is forming to visit the locality.

Johnnie and the Egyptian Question.

"Pa, what is England sending more troops to Egypt for?" "To rescue Wolsley, my son." "What is Wolsley there for?" "To rescue Gordon." "What was Gordon sent there for?" "To restore peace." "Who was fighting?" "Well, nobody was. The Mahdi had an army raised though." "Pa, do the British own the country?" "No, my son." "Then they are campaigning in the wrong ward, arn't they?" "It looks that way, Johnnie. Now run along and carry in that coal for your mother. You are too inquisitive.—Chicago Herald.

War Rumors.

LONDON, March 3.—It is reported from Woolwich arsenal that in military circles it is understood that the government has arranged to hold in readiness 150,000 troops for service against Russia in Afghanistan, England to depend for protection upon her reserves.

The excitement occasioned by the strained relations between England and Russia still continues, and consols have fallen 1/2 in consequence.

The Ship Alert Returned.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—Secretary Frelinghuysen has instructed Minister Lowell to inform Earl Granville of the passage by congress of the bill authorizing the president to return to her majesty's government the Arctic exploring steamer Alert, with a due expression of the deep sense of friendship which inspired the gift of the vessel to the United States and which inspired her return.

RIVER TRANSPORTATION.

The Benton "P" Line Gets away with the Contract as Usual.

The bids for the transportation of military supplies on the Missouri river between Yankton and Fort Benton were opened at St. Paul on the first inst. The attendance on the part of persons interested was larger than usual and more concern manifested in the result. Bids for less than the whole distance (of which there were several) or those containing a rate varying with the distance were not entertained. The bidders were T. C. Power, Montana; H. R. Lyon, Mandan, D. T.; S. B. Coulson, Yankton; W. B. Jordan, St. Paul, as follows:

T. C. Power—Officers, per mile, 3 1/2c; enlisted men, 3c; animals, 4c; stores, per 100 lbs. per 100 miles, 18.9c.

H. R. Lyon—4, 3 1/2, 28c respectively.

S. B. Coulson—4, 3, 2 1/2, 16c respectively.

W. B. Jordan—4 1/2, 3 1/2, 26 1/2c respectively.

The bid of S. B. Coulson for the entire distance at 16 cents per 100 pounds per 100 miles for stores is apparently the lowest, but it contains the condition that no shipments shall be computed less than 200 miles. This condition will make the rate considerably higher than that contained in the bid of T. C. Power; and, besides, the rate is really one ranging with the distance. Mr. Power's proposal, which will probably be favorably recommended, is a fraction higher than the average rate which obtained last season.

Scenes at the White House.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—The White House presents a busy scene to-day: A stream of callers poured into the mansion from the time the doors were opened until late in the day. The president had an early breakfast and then completed the organization of his cabinet and directed their names to be sent to the senate. A number of organizations visited the White House before noon and were received by the president in the east room. No changes have yet been made in the force employed at the White House, except that Col. Daniel S. Lamont is occupying the office as private secretary to the president instead of Fred J. Phillips, who of course was relieved with Mr. Arthur. The president's mail to-day was very large. It consisted principally of letters of congratulation. Many of them, however, related to appointments.

For the Throat and Blood.

CHICAGO August 12th, 1882. This is to certify that I have been afflicted with sore throat and sore mouth for the last two years, and have tried many physicians, and at last took seventeen bottles of S. S. S., but I was still getting worse. I then commenced using Dr. Halliday's Blood Purifier. Throat Gargle and Wash, and have taken four months' treatment. I am now entirely cured, and free from any skin eruptions. I can now recommend these remedies as a specific and a sure radiator for all throat and blood diseases, and will be pleased to have any one call on me for the truthfulness of the above, as the same can be plainly seen. With many thanks, I remain, JAMES C. WOODRUFF, 183 S. Jefferson Street.

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